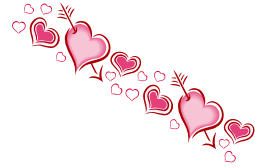


Why Should You Become a National Board Certified Teacher?



In addition to being one of the best professional development experiences of your career, becoming board certified benefits your students and school in many ways.

Certification:

- *Strengthens teaching practice*—Research shows candidates demonstrate significant improvement in their teaching practice.
- *Improves students' learning*—Research demonstrates that Board certified teachers have a greater impact on students' academic performance.
- *Advances your career*—Certification provides routes for NBCTs to advance as master teachers, school leaders and mentors without leaving the classroom.
- *Increases financial opportunities*—Most states and many districts offer salary incentives for teachers who certify.
- *Provides a portable teaching license*—Many states recognize National Board Certification as sufficient proof for state licensure.
- *Contributes to Continuing Education Units (CEU)/re-certification requirements*—NBCTs can earn graduate credit for completing the certification process in many higher-education programs. Indiana offers a 5-year renewal for on-time completion of the National Board process and a 10-year license renewal to National Board Certified Teachers.

Are You Ready to Make the Commitment to Accomplished Teaching?

To apply, or for more information: Visit www.nbpts.org or call **1-800-22TEACH**.

For funding assistance, contact your Indiana National Board Candidate Subsidy Administrator, Deborah A. Rode, NBCT: drode@greencastle.k12.in.us or debrode@aol.com or call **812-448-3782**.

"The rewards are great. The process focuses you on what you are doing in the classroom, not on just what kids are doing. It made me a more analytical teacher, and better able to serve the needs of children."

--Marcia LeCompte, NBCT/Tippecanoe School Corporation

